

FOOD PRESERVATIVES.

Mr. Wiley's Benzoate of Soda Decision
Not Sustained by Experts.

The following brief editorial under the caption "Food Preservatives," seems to about hit the nail on the head on the benzoate of soda matter:

"The fact that the pure food commission of the department of agriculture has pronounced benzoate of soda a not injurious food preservative, as used in certain preparations, has led to the rumor that Professor Wiley will resign. The rumor is false, or else the expert of the 'poison squad' must be too hasty. The question whether benzoate of soda is or is not harmful was one for scientists to settle, and it could not have been fairly expected of Mr. Wiley that his decision should be taken as final.

"On questions of the enforcement of existing laws against harmful food adulterations, the public has been quite willing to stand by him, and to take his methods as honest, forceful and impartial. On the other hand, it would be novel for him to claim authority as an expert scientist. In his ruling on benzoate of soda he went squarely against the judgment and practice of the state experts of Massachusetts, whose authority and experience are beyond question.

"The principle of benzoic acid is the familiar acid of our Cape Cod cranberry, and has never proved harmful in that delicious product. Mr. Wiley allows chloride and borate of sodium as food preservatives, without question, largely because they are known by their more common names of salt and borax. Why should he object to the newer compound if it is harmless as the experts pronounce it?"

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FIRST ARRIVAL
SINCE SATURDAY.Sch. Margaret Has Small
Halibut Fare From Quero.

Since last Saturday night, there has been but one fishing arrival at this port from off shore. Up to this morning the slate had been clean, and it looked as though the week might go by without an arrival, but sch. Margaret, Capt. Samuel Colson, with a fare of fresh halibut from Quero bank, arrived in during the night and this saved a complete shut-out record.

Sch. Margaret had a hard, stormy trip, and had only a small fare of 17,000 pounds of halibut. Capt. Colson reports very blowy weather on the bank.

Capt. Samuel Colson reports speaking sch. Niagara on Quero bank.

FIRST SALT BANKER SAILS.

Knockabout Sch. Arethusa Starts Season Today.

The big knockabout sch. Arethusa sails today on a salt bank codfishing trip being the first of the fleet to get away.

Last year, also, sch. Arethusa was the first of the salt bankers to get away, sailing February 27, so the season this year can be said to have begun two days earlier than last.

In 1908, sch. Arethusa was followed by sch. Smuggler on February 29 and sch. Arcadia on March 2.

HAD FLAG AT HALF MAST.

But Stray Men From Sch. Rob Roy Had Been Picked Up.

Sch. Rob Roy, Capt. William Clark arrived here this forenoon, from Georges, with her flag at half mast for the supposed loss of two of her crew, but it was learned that the men, Joseph LeClaire and Charles Sampson, had been picked up soon after going astray, by sch. Lizzie M. Stanley and landed at Boston last Friday.

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Herring Cargoes for New York.

Schs. Essex and Veda M. McKown will go to New York today with their cargoes of frozen herring.

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Fishing Facts and Fancies.

Hundreds of pounds of codfish are being caught daily off the coast of Cape May County, N. J. Many of the pound fishermen during the winter months go into the codfishing on a large scale. Some of their lines have as many as 800 hooks and many of them 400 or 500. They are baited with surf clams, which sell for 50 cents a bushel.

The Liverpool, N. S., Fish Co. has constructed a new ice house and filled it with 1000 tons of ice to meet its needs the coming season.

The Louisburg, C. B., Fishing Co.'s schooner Speculator will fit out for a fishing trip in the early spring. Last season the vessel was purchased late, and consequently did not get to the fishing grounds until June, which accounted largely for the small catch of last season by the Speculator's crew. Capt. Burke of River Bourgeois who was skipper of the Speculator last season, will be employed again this season. They hope for a better season than last one.

Weather Bothers Pensacola Fishermen.

Weather conditions during the present month at Pensacola, Florida, have been very bad. Heavy breezes, mostly southwest to northwest, have made things unfavorable for good fishing. Reports received there indicate that there are plenty of snappers on the coast, but that the chances for getting them have been very slight.

Most of the snapper fleet are now going to the Campeche Banks. Vessels that have returned report fish as very scarce.

The largest catch this season was made on the coast there by the sch. Mary L. Harty, Capt. Martin Johnson. After being out for ten days, he reached port on February 5 and landed 33,000 pounds of snappers. The crew's single share was \$69.25.

Pacific Coast Fish Catch.

The Pacific Fisherman, in its resume of the fishing year of 1908 on the Pacific coast, says that the total codfish catch for the Pacific coast for the year 1908 totals 3,245,403 fish, an increase of nearly a quarter of a million fish over last year, when the total was 3,012,451. The aggregate weight of this catch is 14,594,313 pounds, valued f. o. b. vessel at \$436,929.39, and at the producers' selling price at virtually \$837,953.78.

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Margaret, Quero bank, 17,000 lbs. halibut, 1500 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, shore.
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, shore.
Sch. Rob Roy, Georges, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Romance, haddocking.
Sch. Waldo L. Stream, halibuting.
Sch. Arethusa, salt fishing.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.
Bank halibut, 11 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts. for gray.
Salt pollock, \$1; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$1.65; medimus, \$1.37-1-2; Eastern cod, large \$1.65; medimus, \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 60 cts.; hake, 60 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medimus, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per cwt.

Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per cwt.

Boston.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 60,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
Sch. Regina, 30,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Mary E. Silveira, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Arbitrator, 10,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Mary C. Santos, 31,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 5000 haddock, 600 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Dorothy, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Washakie, 2500 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Dictator, 25,000 halibut.
Sch. Victor and Ethan, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Tartar, 50,000 haddock, 8000 cod.

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Sch. Matiana, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 60,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.
Sch. Muriel.
Sch. James W. Parker.
Sch. Flavilla, 5000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Haddock, \$2.10 to \$3 per cwt.; large shore cod, \$4; market shore cod, \$3; hake, \$3 to \$5; cusk, \$2.25; pollock, \$3.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Hazel R. Hines and Theodore Roosevelt of the salt bank fleet, are now fitting out and will sail the first of next week.

The Provincetown sloop Vesta is on Parkhurst's railways for her annual overhauling.

Sch. Orinoco, one of the salt bank fleet, is on the Rocky Neck railways.

It is blowing pretty fresh outside today and none of the shore boats have gone out. Those that left Boston, put in here for harbor, as there is no chance to make a set.

Portland Arrivals.

Arrived Tuesday:

Sch. Lizzie May, 2500 pounds of fresh fish.
Sch. Bernie and Bessie, 4000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Albert D. Willard, 3000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Eva and Mildred, 4000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. George H. Lubee, 6000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Fanny Reed, 2000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Fanny Hayden, 5000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Margie Turner, 5000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Mary E. Sinnett, 4000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Lochinvar, 6000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Albert W. Black, 6000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Little Elsie, 4500 pounds fresh fish.
Sloop Defender, 3000 pounds fresh fish.
Sloop Nellie F. Norton, 2000 pounds fresh fish.
Sloop Laconia, 1000 pounds fresh fish.

New Fishing Craft.

Sch. Carrie Hirtle was launched from Smith & Rhuland's ship yard, Lunenburg, N. S., recently. She is owned by Capt. James Hirtle and is much of the same type as the sch. Clintonia.

The gasoline fishing sch. Active, owned by the Tacoma Fish Co. of Tacoma, Wash., was launched from Heath's yard recently. She is 65 feet long, 15 foot beam and 6 feet moulded depth. As soon as engines are in stalled she will be used in fishing off Petersburg, sending her catch to Tacoma by steamer.

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WANTED NEW
ELECTION HELD.

Bond Asked to Have One Ordered Before Resigning.

St. John's, N. F. despatches of last evening state that not only Premier Bond, but his ministers are to resign and that the resignations, in a body, were tendered yesterday to Governor McGregor.

It is now entirely probable that Sir Edward Morris, the opposition leader, will be called upon today to form a ministry. As Morris has no more supporters in the House than Bond, there is intense interest all over Newfoundland in the probable developments of the next two weeks, as things have now fairly reached a crisis.

Premier Bond, before announcing his intention of resigning, endeavored to induce Gov. McGregor to dissolve the legislature and order a general election, but the governor felt that another election at this time would injure trade.

He hopes when the legislature meets next Thursday to induce it to vote sufficient money to carry on the business of the government, regardless of party political considerations, and thus enable the colony to get along without another election until later in the year.

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MORE ANTI-TORCHING BILLS.

Petitions to Include
Beverly and Salem
Admitted in House.

Action Further Menace
to Gloucester's Fishing
Interests.

The net, in the shape of anti-herring torching bills, is drawing tighter and tighter around Gloucester and the fishing interest of Massachusetts ports. Recently the committee reported favorably on the Lynn bill to prohibit torching in her waters, and the unsuccessful fight at that time to have Beverly and Salem waters included in the provisions of the bill has taken now a successful turn, as the Times predicted would be the case.

In the house the committee on rules has now recommended a suspension of rules in order to admit the bill of Mayor Hurley of Salem to prohibit torching in Salem Bay, Beverly harbor and Nahant bay and the house has adopted the recommendation.

This bill is wide reaching, and with the Lynn bill, practically closes the North Shore to the westward of Gloucester to the herring torching fishery, leaving open only the shore line of this city, Ipswich and Newburyport.

The passage of these measures, means just one thing, the diminution of the fresh bait supply and the curtailing of the business in shore salted herring by means of circumscribing to a still smaller compass, the grounds, none too large at best, in which herring can be torched.

It would seem strange if both these bills did not meet with the strongest kind of opposition from both Boston and Gloucester, when they come up before the house and senate. Bait, above all things, is necessary for the successful prosecution of the fisheries, and the passage of these bills would certainly tend to make fresh bait in much less receipt than formerly, thereby causing a distinct shortage and enforced hauling up of vessels for lack of the wherewithal to fish with.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

The heavy northwester of yesterday, which kept the market boats in port, increased in strength toward nightfall, and throughout the night the wind blew with great violence. Vessels coming in from off shore in the afternoon reported a good sized gale outside. This morning the wind is not so heavy ashore, but it is still blowing heavy outside, and the market boats will be enforced to lay in another day.

Capt. James D. Goodwin, who has commanded the big auxiliary knockabout sch. Benjamin A. Smith, in the haddock fishery last fall and this winter, is now making his last trip in that craft. On his return he will resume command of sch. Ella M. Goodwin, which he has commanded since she was launched, and in which he made such a big record. The craft is now being made ready for him, and when he comes in he will fit her for a salt banking, trawling, and later will go dory handlining.

Sloop Vesta, of Provincetown, is to have a 28 horse-power engine installed and a 20 horse-power machine, to replace the present employed 15 horse-power engine, is to be placed in sloop Barbara of the same port. William O'Neil is to command the Vesta.

Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine and Effie M. Prior, Capt. Elroy Prior, will be among the southern seining fleet this season. Sch. Hattie A. Heckman will fit later for mackerel seining.

Capt. Newman Wharton is here to fit out sch. Arkona for salt banking.

Sch. Judique will engage in mackerel seining this season under command of Capt. Gourley Anderson.

Capt. Staley Hines is here to fit sch. Mabel D. Hines for salt banking.

Sch. Madonna will be added to the ranks of the dory handlines this season, under command of Capt. Sellig.

Capt. George G. Hamor who went south last fall in sch. Independence II. to engage in the coconut trade for the winter is expected home soon and will engage in mackerel seining as usual.

SAN FRANCISCO FISH MARKET.

Scarcity of Stock Causes Stagnation of Business.

The San Francisco fish market is quiet on almost all lines at present on account of a scarcity of stock, and most of the concerns engaged in the business have laid off their fishermen until weather conditions are more propitious. Prices are at a high level, and would advance still more were it not for the fact that there is a limit to the figure that will be paid for fish, and a further raise might result in an injury to the business.

Dealers are doing all they can to keep prices within bounds, and with that in view are sending but few fish to the country. This out-of-town business would be very unsatisfactory at the present time anyway, owing to the impeded condition of railroad transportation. Shipments of oysters and fish from the northwest are coming in long behind time and extreme care must be taken by the express companies to keep stock from spoiling.

The Union Fish Company is daily expecting its vessel, the Czarina, from Alaskan waters with a cargo of codfish, but the storm that is sweeping along the coast makes the time of her arrival a very uncertain matter. When last heard from she was at Pirate Cove loading, and might be detained there.

The latest reports from the fishing grounds show a light catch so far this season. For weeks at a time there has been no attempt to fish. C. P. Overton of the Union Company is not very hopeful over the outlook, and doubts if prices will be maintained for long.

HADDOCKERS HAD GOOD FARES.

Two at This Port This Morning and
Eight at Boston.

Two of the haddock fleet arrived here yesterday, sch. Rob Roy with 40,000 pounds and sch. Richard with 45,000 pounds, both selling to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Co. This morning there are no arrivals here.

Sch. Richard had 1000 pounds of halibut in addition to her fare of haddock and cod. The halibut sold to the American Halibut Co. at 11-4 cents per pound for white and 9 cents for gray.

At Boston today the arrivals have fallen off, there being but eight vessels there, all but three of them coming in yesterday after the early morning report.

Sch. Eugenia, Capt. John Williams, one of the Georges handliners of this port, was at T wharf yesterday from her second trip since being launched with a fine fare, 15,000 pounds of fresh cod, 12,000 pounds of salt cod and 5000 pounds of fresh halibut, which means a fine stock indeed. The vessel was gone but 25 days. On her first trip, she was gone but 15 days and brought in here 35,000 pounds of salt cod, so that she has an extra good start for a fine year's work.

Sch. Onato, Capt. J. Henry Larkin, had the banner trip at T wharf yesterday, 80,000 pounds of fresh fish. Sch. Cynthia, Capt. Geoffrey Thomas, had 65,000 pounds of fresh fish and sch. Gertrude, Capt. James Vanamberg had 45,000 pounds. Sch. Morning Star, Capt. Freeman Decker, with 40,000 pounds, instead of having mostly haddock, as did the others, had but 12,000 pounds, the rest of the fare being codfish.

Prices hold good, haddock bringing \$2.50 to \$3.75, cod from \$2.50 to \$4.50, hake from \$3 to \$5 and pollock \$4.

HARNESSING THE TIDES.

Company Organized to Develop
Power at Bay of Fundy.

With the idea of harnessing the world famous tides of the Bay of Fundy and developing the latent power therein contained, the Fundy Tidal Power Company has been organized and will petition the Dominion Parliament for an act of incorporation. The last issue of the Canada Gazette contained notice that the new power company would ask to be incorporated at the present session of the Dominion Parliament.

James Friel of Dorchester, N. B., makes the application on behalf of the company for the act of incorporation. In its petition the company seeks to be empowered to develop the electric power from the tidal flow of certain rivers and basins emptying into the Bay of Fundy. The company seeks authority to construct dams across the Petit Codiac river, between Moncton and Fort Folly Point and across the Memracook river, in New Brunswick, and across the Shepody, Tantramar, Aulac, Missiquash, La Planche, Macan, Nappan, Hubert, A von, Shubenacdia and Stewiacke rivers, the head of Cumberland basin and the basin of Minas, in Nova Scotia. The proposed dams are to be constructed and operated subject to the laws with reference to navigable rivers.

Fishing Facts and Fancies.

A most remarkable fish was recently taken out of the river at Grand Forks, N. D., by a crew which was engaged in scooping out sand. The fish must have come from far below the river bed as the scoop had been working in the same place for many days. The fish had the appearance of an eel, was ten inches long, and appeared to breathe through a string of holes or openings on both sides of the neck. Instead of a mouth it had a row of openings provided with oval suckers.

The total value of all kinds of fish landed in Shetland during the twelve months ended 31st December was £407,941. Of this sum herrings represented £383,487. In 1907 the value of the fish landed was £554,523, and of herrings alone £539,652. The falling off in value was due to the decrease in the price of herrings, as compared with the previous year, the value of white fish showing a slight increase.

At Buncrana and other stations in the north of Ireland the herring fishing is a record one. No previous season has seen such a heavy fishing. At Buncrana recently the average was 36 crans for over 30 arrivals, while at Kincasslagh about a dozen boats averaged 60 crans. The shots were running up to 140 crans, and prices from 20s. to 26s. per can. Later the catches were heavier still, the average at Buncrana being 67 crans for between 20 and 30 arrivals. As the curers are about full up, prices fell, the average being about 19s. per cran. The herrings are fine quality.

Codfish have been taken out of the Atlantic Ocean, near Gibraltar, but there is no record of one having passed through the straits and disporting himself in the waters of the Mediterranean Sea.

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BANKERS FEAR ARCTIC ICE PACK

May Sweep Across Fishing Banks in Sheets.

The skippers of the salt bankers who are now getting their vessels ready here for their long first trips to the eastern banks are very anxious regarding the southward movements of the Gulf and Arctic ice pack. They look for early and heavy fields on the fishing grounds and the steamer reports would seem to bear out their belief.

The ocean liner Furnessia reached New York yesterday with her bow plates deeply dented and leaking slightly, the effects of contact with the ice floe in crossing the banks. The heaviest ice was struck last Friday night and the shock was so great as to throw several passengers to the deck.

Recent incoming steamers at Boston and New York report immense ice packs coming down from the north, indicating an early break in the Arctic ice fields. One steamer reported ploughing her way through 50 miles of ice.

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NEWFOUNDLAND POLITICS

Morris Asked to Form New Cabinet
Upon Resignation of Bond Men

St. John's, Feb. 26.—The government of Sir Robert Bond has tendered its resignation to Governor MacGregor, and it is probable that Sir Edward Morris, the opposition leader and formerly a minister in the Bond cabinet, will be called upon to form a ministry.

As Morris has no more supporters in the house than has Bond there is intense interest in the probable development of the next few weeks.

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Halibut Sale.

The fare of fresh halibut of sch. Margaret sold to the New England Fish Co. at 11 cents per pound for white and 9 cents for gray.

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Whole Coot Inside Live Cod.

The discovery of a whole coot, one of the largest of water fowl, inside a live cod, is one of the stories which is being told by the crew of the United States fish commission steamer Gannett which is at present anchored in Portland harbor. The fish had been taken along with several others for the fish hatchery at Boothbay, and its peculiar actions led to its killing and cutting open and the bird was found inside. It had been swallowed whole without any chewing whatever and was in perfect condition.

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JAPANESE FISHERIES.**Government Aids Development in Every Possible Way.**

A. L. Wilson, in writing to Our Pacific Fishermen on "The Commercial States of Japanese Fisheries," says:

"As regards their fisheries in extent and variety they are legion, having all the species known to our coast, and many kinds of edible fish unknown to us. Over 35 per cent. of the coast population are employed in fishing, and I believe the time is not far distant when Japanese fishing will be a factor in the world's market.

"In Tokyo they have a school of fisheries supported by the government, where they are not only teaching fish culture and propagation, but are experimenting in the curing and preparing of various kinds for market, with the hope of developing a product that will meet the approval of the Occidental taste.

"At Nagasaki, they have just completed a modern up-to-date sardine cannery, (the machinery for which was installed by a French company), where they turn out a canned fish in oil equal to the best French brands.

"The Japanese are alive to the fact that they have something of national importance in their fisheries and the government is giving all the aid possible in its development by education, research and experiment. The government gives a subsidy on construction of power boats of \$15 per ton, and \$10 per horse power, and a yearly subsidy of \$9 per ton, and \$6 per horse power, and a bonus of \$25 to engineers, \$37.50 to boss fishermen and for each man employed in fishing on such boats, \$6 per year for five years, for operating expenses. Besides there are several provinces that give small subsidies to fishing boats if built on certain lines.

"There is a large and profitable field for capital in the Cutsuo (Benito) fishing alone, with a modernizing of methods of marketing. Their deep-sea fishing is all hand-line, as is also much of their shoal water fishing. Their fishing gear in general is very similar to ours, with the exception of traps, which are of many different designs, all of very ancient architecture. I believe there is but one trap in Japan that resembles our pound net, and that has only a small heart and pot.

"The government in 1907, sent out an expedition to investigate the fisheries of their newly acquired Russian territory, but as they were late in getting away, they only gathered a small amount of data, and as the government this year entered into an era of retrenchment and economy, further work of investigation was abandoned, and will probably not be taken up again soon, unless by private interests.

"In February they put in operation their first net and twine factory, but owing to the machines (which are German I understand tying slip knots, it was considered a failure."

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WITHDREW TWO BILLS.**Commissioner Donahue of Maine Met with Strong Opposition.**

Fish Commissioner James Donahue of Maine has quelled what promised to be a very lively time in the marine legislature by the withdrawal of two bills against which very strong opposition had been arrayed. The commissioner withdrew the bills in the interest of harmony.

The two measures to which such serious objection was raised by the fishermen and wholesalers were the act providing for seizing and catching the entire contents of cars, traps and barrels in which illegal lobsters were found, and the act providing for the license of fishermen and others engaged in the lobster industry, this latter act appearing upon the docket of the committee as "An act for the better protection of lobsters."

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Sch. Matchless is on Burnham's railways.

Sch. Arkona is on the Rocky Neck railways.

Sch. Theodore Roosevelt is on Parkhurst's railways.

Sch. Hazel R. Hines is taking salt for her bank trip at Fred Bradley's warehouse, East Gloucester.

Boston.

Sch. Eugenia, 15,000 fresh cod, 12,000 salt cod, 5000 halibut.

Sch. Onato, 60,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Cynthia, 50,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Gertrude, 35,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Frances Whalen.

Sch. Galatea, 2500 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake, 1500 pollock.

Sch. Morning Star, 12,000 haddock, 28,000 cod.

Sch. Rena A. Perry, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$4.50; market, \$2.50 to \$4; hake, \$3 to \$5; pollock, \$4; halibut, 11 and 9 cents per lb.

Portland Arrivals.

Sch. Angie B. Watson with 6000 pounds of fresh fish and sch. Robert and Carr with 10,000 pounds, were at Portland Wednesday.

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Richard, Georges, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish, 1000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston.

Sch. Emily Cooney, via Boston.

Sch. Seacomet, via Boston.

Sch. Massasoit, via Boston.

Sch. Dictator, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, New York.

Sch. Essex, New York.

Sch. Kinco, halibuting.

Sch. Preceptor, halibuting.

Sch. Lucania, haddocking.

Sch. Galatea, Boston.

Sch. Rena A. Percy, Boston.

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**LET'S SALEM
COME IN.****Senate Allows Anti-Torching
Petition to Consideration.**

The senate seems to be jumping around so on the admission of new business that it is hard work to keep tabs on decisions made by the august body. First it was voted to admit the petition of the mayor of Salem for a prohibition of herring torching in that vicinity, then it was voted not to let it in, on account of the time limit of new business having expired, and yesterday it was voted to reconsider this latter vote and the petition now goes in.

The bill which accompanies the petition of Mayor Hurley is as follows:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to display torches or other light, designed or used for the purpose of taking herring or other fish, in Nahant bay, Beverly harbor, Salem bay and vicinity and any inlets therein, or in any waters westerly and northwesterly of a line drawn from East Point, Nahant, to Egg Rock, to Ram island, to Tinker's island, to Lowell island, to Baker's island, to the eastern end of Great Misery island, then to the southern point of Gale's Head, Manchester, including Manchester harbor and Bass river, Beverly, and its tributaries; provided, however, that any if the boards of health of the cities of Beverly and Salem and of the towns of Manchester and Marblehead may, within the months of October to April, inclusive, of any year, grant such permits for such taking, with such restrictions, as in the judgment of said board or boards shall not constitute a nuisance, and may at any time revoke any and all such permits in their discretion.

Section 2. Whoever violate the provisions of this act shall, for a first offence, be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200, or

by imprisonment for not less than six months nor more than 12 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment; and for a second offence, by both such fine and imprisonment.

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**FROZEN HERRING
AT BOSTON.****Fish in Fair Demand, Selling
at \$2.75 Per Cwt.**

Boston reports a fair demand now for frozen herring, with the herring company charging the wholesale dealers \$2.75 per hundred weight for their goods.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall cleaned up yesterday and came here, and the British sch. Clintonia was immediately hauled in and the discharge of her cargo begun.

Two British vessels, sch. Junifata and Argonia, are still lying at T wharf with their cargoes unopened, and are not expected to make a start until sch. Clintonia is out.

Sch. Lila B. Hirth is reported on the way to Boston from Connaigre Bay, N. F., with a full frozen fare.

The owner of the Lunenburg, N. S., sch. Muriel M. Young is still at Boston, but up to yesterday had not sold his cargo.